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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A THIN-FILM TRANSISTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 7-9 and 11-13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a thin-film transistor according to Claim 1, characterized in that a process of introducing said impurity to said channel region is carried out by injecting the impurity from a surface side of said channel region.

7. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a thin-film transistor according to Claim 3, characterized in that an average projected range of the impurity in said process of introducing an impurity is from the center in the direction of thickness of said channel region to an interface between the channel region and the gate insulating film.

8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a thin-film transistor according to Claim 3, characterized in that an average projected range of the impurity in said process of introducing